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SUBJ: INDONESIAN THOUGHTS ON KIM'S TRIP TO PEKING

1. INDONESIAN EMBASSY MIN-CONUS MOHAMMAD SATARI TOLD EMBOFF ASSESSMENT ON KIM IL SUNG'S VISIT TO PEKING FROM HIS EMBASSY PYONGYANG EMPHASIZES POLICY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KIM AND HIS SON, KIM CHONG IL. INDONESIAN ASSESSMENT RECALLS YOUNGER KIM'S STRENGTH IN NK PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES AND POSTULATES THAT KIM CHONG IL AND HIS MILITARY SUPPORTERS FAVOR MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAINST SOUTH KOREA. FEARFUL OF A PALACE REVOLT AND LESS INCLINED TO RESORT TO MILITARY ADVENTURES, KIM IL SUNG HASTENED TO PEKING TO OBTAIN REASSURANCES FROM PEKING OF SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF AND HIS LESS VENTURESOME POLICIES. KIM'S TUMOR AND FALTERING HEALTH, ACCORDING TO INDONESIAN ANALYSIS, WERE ADDITIONAL FACTOR IMPELLING HIM TO PEKING TO BOLSTER HIS OWN AND HIS POLICIES' STANDING VIS-A-VIS POLICY
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OPPONENTS IN PYONGYANG WHILE HE WAS PHYSICALLY STILL ABLE.

2. COMMENT: ELDER KIM MIGHT HAVE
BEEN RELUCTANT TO LEAVE
PYONGYANG IF HIS POSITION OR POLICIES WERE ENDANGERED;
NEVERTHELESS, THIS NOVEL ACCOUNT WOULD APPEAR TO BE BASED ON
INDONESIAN BELIEF THAT YOUNGER KIM IS VERY AMBITIOUS, DANGEROUS,
AND POSSIBLY HAS POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH HIS FATHER.
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